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FOR

God's Truth:

First,

Concerning New & Heavenly *Jerusalem*, and *Jerusalem* from below.

Secondly,

Concerning *Christ* the great *Mountain* that fills the whole Earth.

Thirdly,

How *Man* and *Woman* was Created in the Image of *God*, and to be Help-Meets One to Another.

Fourthly,

How every One ought to improve the Talent God gives them, to his Glory, and their Eternal Happiness.

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Concerning New and Heavenly Jeruſalem, *and her Children, diſtinct from* Jeruſalem *which is from below, and her Children.—— And that all who read this, do ſee whether* Jeruſalem *that is above be their Mother.*

THE Apoſtle writes to the Church of Chriſt, and ſaith, Jeruſalem *which is above is Free, which is the Mother of us all.*—— All *Jeruſalems* Children are born of the Spirit, and led by the Spirit of God; *And as many as receive Chriſt, he gives them power to become the Sons of God; even to them that believe in his Name.—— And whoſoever believes that Jeſus is the Chriſt, is born of God; And they that believe in the Light, the Life in Chriſt, do become the Children of Light,* as in *John* 1. 12. and 12. 36. and 1 *John* 5. 1.

And now in this heavenly Light, Power and Spirit, they come to be heavenly *Jeruſalems* Children, that is from above. — For ſuch as hate the Light, and do Evil, are condemned by it, and they

that have not the Spirit of Christ are none of his; but all the true Christians, in the new Covenant, and new Testament, in Christ Jesus, to whom Christ hath given his Life, which is his Light and his Power, them that believe in it, and receive him, do become the Children of Light, and the Sons of God; so they are heavenly *Jerusalems* Children, born from above, of the Spirit and the Light.

The Apostle saith to the Converted *Hebrews*, *Ye are come unto* Mount Sion, *unto the City of the Living God, the Heavenly* Jerusalem, *and to an innumerable company of Angels, and to the general Assembly and Church of the First Born, which is written in Heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the Spirits of just Men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new Covenant*; and hither *Jerusalems* Children were come then, while they were upon the Earth.—— The Children of God, that were born of the Spirit, and the Children of the Light, they were come hither in the Apostles Days, they were come to that heavenly *Mount-Sion*, that looks over the whole World; for Natural *Sion*, the Watch-Tower, looked over into *Canaan*; but this heavenly *Sion*, spoke of in the New Testament, which is the Joy of the whole Earth, looks over all the Earth, and in this Joyful *Sion*, Christ the Elect and Precious was laid, 1 *Pet.* 2. 6. And Christ the Deliverer comes out of this *Sion*, *Rom.* 11. 26. And the Children of heavenly *Jerusalem*, which is the City of the Living God, they see the innumerable company of Angels; and is not this the City that *Abraham*, *Isaac* and *Jacob* sought for, which hath Foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God; is not this heavenly *Jerusalem*, the City of the Living God, that they sought for? And are not all heavenly *Jerusalems* Children written in Heaven? seeing the Apostle said, Jerusalem *that is above is the Mother of us all that believe in Christ, and receive him, and are born of the Spirit, and they were come to the General Assembly, the Church of the First Born, written in Heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the Spirits of just Men made Perfect.* All these were and are Born of the Spirit that comes to heavenly *Sion* and *Jerusalem*. and to God and his Son, and to the just Mens Spirits made perfect; for it is the Spiritual Birth, heavenly *Jerusalems* Children, that sees these things and knows them; that which is born of the Flesh is Flesh, and may know fleshly things, and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit, and knows spiritual things.—— And *John*

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him, their Mother is new and Heavenly *Jeruſalem*; and this Spirituall Birth cannot own any Mother below this New and Heavenly *Jeruſalem*, and all Heavenly *Jeruſalems* New Born Babes are Nouriſhed with the ſincere Milk of the Word: and the Bond-Womans Children, that is born after the Fleſh perſecute New and Heavenly *Jeruſalems* Children, that are born after the Spirit; the Bond-Womans Children are in bondage, but *Jeruſalems* Children, which is from above, is free, who give Glory to the Lord God over all for Evermore.

So new and Heavenly *Jeruſalem* brings forth a new and Heavenly Generation, a ſpirirual Houſhold, Heavenly and Spiritual Citizens, and a Royal Prieſt-hood, that offers up Living and Spiritual Sacrifices.

And in the Apoſtles Dayes, before the Apoſtacy, all the true believers and followers of Chriſt, had *Jeruſalem* that was above for their Mother, but ſince the Apoſtles Dayes, in the Apoſtacy the outward Chriſtians have gone into many Sects, and they have got many Mothers, and by Law they force other to them, but they that are brought out of the Night of Apoſtacy, by the Light, Power and Spirit of Chriſt Jeſus, they are come to new and Heavenly *Jeruſalem*, aud can own none of their Mothers, that they have ſet up ſince the Apoſtles Dayes, that are below Heavenly *Jeruſalem*, that is free, and from above, in whom there is neither Sect nor Schiſm, Rent nor Diviſion, Conteſt nor Strife, for no unclean thing comes into it.—— And the Lord ſaid, *Behold, I Create New Heavens, and a New Earth, and the former ſhall not be remembred, nor come into mind*; Iſaiah *ſaw this by Propheſie, Iſa.* 56. 17.— And *John* ſaid, *I ſaw a new Heaven and a new Earth, and the Firſt Earth was paſſed away, and there was no more Sea*, Rev. 21. 1.—— And the Lord ſaid, *Behold I Create* Jeruſalem *a Rejoycing and her People a Joy, and I will Rejoyce in* Jeruſalem, *and Joy in my People, and the Voice of Weeping and Crying ſhall be heard no more in her.* Is not this Heavenly *Jeruſalem* that *Iſaiah* Propheſied of, *Iſa.* 65. 18, 19. and is not this the Heavenly *Jeruſalem* that *John* ſaw in *Revelations* 21. 2, 3, 4.—— This new and heavenly *Jeruſalem* that is above, it ſhines over all the Nations, for the Nations of them that are ſaved walk in the Light of it, where it is always Day, and there is no Night there, for the Lord God and the Lamb is

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the Light of it, in which Light the Nations of them that are ſaved walk.

Natural Men may know natural Sciences, and the natural Tongues, and Languages, and the natural Arts, and natural Philoſophy; for the natural *Jews* and *Pilate* could ſet their natural Tongues, which begun at *Babel*, upon Chriſt, and yet Crucifie him: And the Whore of *Babylon* and Confuſion, the Mother of Harlots, ſhe hath Power over the natural Tongues, that is whored from the Spirit of God; and ſo theſe natural men, with theſe natural things, that know nothing, but follow their own ſpirits, & ſee not the things of God, they are fooliſhneſs to them, but God is pouring his Spirit upon all natural men, upon all Fleſh, that with his Spirit they may know the things of God, and ſerve and Worſhip him in Spirit and Truth, and know Heavenly *Jeruſalem* their Mother, with the Spirit that God pours upon them.—— And *John* ſaw the Mother of Harlots Drunk with the Blood of the Saints and Martyrs of Jeſus, and their Blood was found in the Mother of Harlots, the Myſtery *Babylon*, the falſe Church; And were not theſe Saints Martyrs of Jeſus, and Prophets of Heavenly *Jeruſalems* Children, whoſe Blood was and is Found in the Mother of Harlots, the falſe Church, the Myſtery *Babilon*? Rev. 17. 18.—— He that was Born after the Fleſh, perſecuted him that was Born after the Spirit, even ſo it is now; and the Children of new *Jeruſalem*, that is above, and is your Mother, they and their Mother never perſecuted any: But the Mother of Myſtery *Babylon*, and of Harlots, ſhe and her Harlots were and are the perſecutors, in whom is found the Blood of the Righteous, *viz. The free Born Children of Jeruſalem from above*,

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How all Nations may ſee with the Light the Life in Chriſt, him the great Mountain that fills the whole Earth.

CConcerning the Stone Cut out of the Mountain without Hands, ſpoke of in *Daniel* 2. which did daſh to pieces the Image whoſe Head was fine Gold, which was *Nebuchadnezzars* and the *Babilonians* Monarchy, and ſhould daſh to pieces the Breſt and Arms of Silver, which was the *Medes* and *Perſians* Monarchy,

chy, and likewiſe it ſhould daſh to Pieces the Belley and Thighes of Braſs, which was the *Grecians* Monarchy, and the Legs of Iron, and his Feet part of Iron and part of Clay, which was the *Romans* Monarchy.

So all theſe four Monarchies were but one Image, the Head was Gold, and the Breſt and Arms Silver, and the Belley and Thighes Braſs, and his Legs Iron, and his Feet part of Iron and part of Clay, and this ſame Stone, Cut out of the Mountain, break the Image of Iron, Clay, Silver, Braſs, and Gold to pieces, and they become like unto the Chaff of the Summer Threſhing-floor, and the Wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: So here was the end of theſe four Monarchies, and the Stone that ſmote the Image, became a great Mountain, and filled the whole Earth, *And in the Dayes of theſe Kings* (or *four Monarchies*) *ſhall the God of Heaven ſet up a Kingdom, which ſhall never be deſtroyed; and the Kingdom ſhall not be left to others, but it ſhall Conſume and Deſtroy all theſe Kingdoms, and it ſhall ſtand for ever, and of his Kingdom there ſhall be no end,* Dan. 2. and Luke 1. 33.

Now is not this Stone Chriſt, that becomes a great Mountain, and fills the whole Earth? and did not he come in the dayes of theſe four Monarchies, who daſhed them to pieces, and ſet up his Kingdom? and did not Chriſt ſay, when he was come, *My Kingdom is not of this World?* and alſo did not he ſay, *All Power in Heaven and Earth is given unto me?*

Now Chriſts Kingdom is an everlaſting Kingdom that ſhall never be Deſtroyed, but ſhall ſtand for ever, and his Kingdom ſtands in Righteouſneſs, and Power, and Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghoſt; and Chriſt ſaid to *Nicodemas, Except a Man be Born again he cannot ſee the Kingdom of God*; and again he ſaith to him, *Except a Man be Born again of Water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God*, John 3. And alſo the Apoſtle ſaith, *That none that is Defiled or Unclean ſhall enter into the Kingdom of God and Chriſt; and the Natural Man knowes not the things of God, they are fooliſhneſs to him.*

So this everlaſting Kingdom of God, which was ſet up above Sixteen Hundred years ago, which ſhall never have end, for no unclean or defiled Perſon can enter into it, nor none can ſee it,

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nor enter into it, except they be Born again of Water and of the Spirit, though this everlasting Kingdom stands and remains over all, and the unclean and defiled cannot enter into it, and they that are not Born again cannot enter into it, nor see it, so they are not like to destroy this everlasting Kingdom, it remains firm, and will never have an End; though the unclean and defiled, and them that are not Born again do not see it, yet *John* saith in *Rev.* 1. 9. *He was in the Kingdom and Patience of Jesus Christ.*—— And the Apostle told the Saints, *that they were delivered from the power of Darkness, and translated into the Kingdom of his dear Son*; And was not this while they were upon the Earth? *Col.* 1. 13.—— So these were Born again; and Christ saith, *The Law and the Prophets were until* John, and he was the greatest Prophet Born of a Woman. *but the Least in the Kingdom is greater then* John, and since *John Baptist* Preached, men Pressed into the Kingdom, and those are they that are Born again, and have the Spiritual Eye that see the end of the Prophets and *John*, that see Christs Everlasting Spiritual Kingdom, and Press into it.

Now Christ the Stone that became the great Mountain, and fills the whole Earth, [mark the whole Earth] *and none shall hurt nor destroy in my holy Mountain, saith the Lord*, Isa, 65. 25.— And this is the Mountain of the House of the Lord that is established on the top of all Mountains, and exalted above the Hills, *Isa.* 2. 2. *Mich.* 4. 1.

And now Christ this Mountain, filling the whole Earth, you may say, What does it fill *Asia*, *Affrica*, *Europe*, and *America*, and the *East*, *West*, *North* and *South*? I say yes, Christ this Mountain fills the whole Earth, and he doth enlighten every one that comes into the whole World, *for in him was Life, and this Life was the Light of Men*, This was the true Light which enlightens every one that comes into the World, and that every one with this true Light, the Life in Christ, both in *Asia*, *Europe*, *Affrica*, and *America*, both *East*, *West*, *North*, and *South*, that is come into the World; I say with this Divine Light, the Life in Christ, they may see Christ the Mountain in their own Country, which fills the whole Earth, for the Light shines in their Hearts, to give the knowledg of the Glory of God in the Face of Christ Jesus, *John*, 1. 4, 9. 2, *Cor.* 4. 4.—— And Christ saith, *Believe in the*

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Light, that ye may become Children of the Light, John 12. 36.—— So the Light, which is the Life in Christ, gives the knowledg of him in all places, who is the Mountain that fills the whole Earth, for the Light is the Life in Christ, that great Glorious Mountain, and they that believe in the Light, the Life in Christ, & are become Children of the Light, they see this Everlasting Glorious Kingdom, and enter into it, and so are the Children of the Kingdom of God and Christ.—— The Lord saith, speaking of Christ, *I have set my King upon my holy Hill of* Sion, *or upon* Sion, *the Hill of my Holiness; Ask of me, and I will give thee the* Heathen *for thy Inheritance, and the utmost parts of the Earth for thy Possession, thou shalt break them with a Rod of Iron, and dash them to pieces like a Potters Vessel; be wise therefore now, O ye Kings, be ye Instructed ye Judges of the Earth, serve the Lord with fear, and Rejoyce with Trembling, Kiss the Son least he be angry, and ye perish from the way while his Wrath is kindled but a little, Blessed are all they that put there trust in him.*

How can the Kings be wise, and the Judges Instructed, and Kiss the Son, and keep in his way, and trust in him, but by believing in his Divine Light, which is the Life in Christ?— Now Christ with his Divine Light, doth Inherit the *Heathen* and possess the utmost Parts of the Earth, and the Wrath of the Lamb is turned against them that do evil, and hate the Light which is his Life, then he dashes them to pieces, like a Potters Vessel, and they perish from him the way—— and therefore all must believe in the Light, which is the Life in Christ, the great Mountain that filleth the whole Earth, and here, in this Mountain, the Lord will teach them his wayes; and so the knowledg of the Lord shall cover the Earth as the Waters covers the Sea.— Gods and Christs everlasting Kingdom is over all, and from Generation to Generation, and the Scepter of his Kingdom is a Righteous Scepter, and he Rules in the Kingdoms of Men; for by him Kings Rule, and Princes Decree Justice; and his Seed I will make endure for ever, and his Throne as the Dayes of Heaven.

Kingston upon Thames the 11th of the 11th Month 1687. G. F.

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Here you may ſee how Male and Female were Help-meets in the Goverment, when God made them in his Image of Righteouſneſs and Holineſs, and how Chriſt reſtores Man up into his Image again, and how that Male and Female are all one in him, and of the Increaſe of Chriſts Government and Peace there is no end.

GOd ſaid, *Let us make Man in our Image, after our Likeneſs, and let them have Dominion over the Fiſh of the Sea, and over the Fowles of the Air, and over all the Cattle, and over every Living thing that moveth upon the Earth:* ſo *God Created Man in his own Image, in the Likeneſs of God Created he him, Male and Female Created he them, and Bleſſed them; and God ſaid unto them, be Fruitful and Multiply and Repleniſh the Earth, and ſubdue it, and have Dominion over,* &c. as before, as in Gen. 1. 2. Chap.

Here the Female which was the *Meet-help* for *Adam*, and they both Male and Female were *Meet-helps*, Joyned in Government, Dominion and Rule, being in the likeneſs and Image of God, and they were Bleſſed in it; for God ſaid unto them [Mark, them] *be Fruitful, and Multiply, and Repleniſh the Earth, Subdue it, and have Dominion over, &c.* And this was before Man and Woman fell from his Image: So God who made Man and Woman in his own Image, gave them an Underſtanding to underſtand what he ſaid to them.

And the Apoſtle ſaith to the *Colloſſians, ſeeing ye have put off the old Man with his Deeds, and have put on the new Man which is Renewed in Knowledge, after the Image of God that Created them, where there is neither* Greek *nor* Jew, *Circumciſion, nor Uncircumciſion,* Barbarian Scythian, *bond nor free, but Chriſt is all and in all,* Colloſ. 3. 9, 10, 11.

Now this Old Man, in *Adam*, in the Fall, being put off, and this New Man in the Image of God, that he made and Created them in, put on, in Righteouſneſs and Holineſs, in ſuch Chriſt is all and in all, a Ruler and a Governor, ſo that he Rules in the Male

and in the Female, in the new Man, in the Image of God, they know him to be a Ruler and Governour: *Isaiah* saith, *Unto us, a Child is Born, a Son is given, the Government shall be upon his Shoulders, and his Name shall be called the Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, of the Increase of his Government and Peace there shall be no end*, &c. Isa. 9. 6. 7.

And the Lord saith, *Behold, a Virgin shall Conceive and Bear a Son, and shall call his Name* Emanuel, *God with us*, Isa. 7. 14.

And Man was drove from God, for his Sin and Transgression, but Christ his Son makes an end of Sin, and finishes Transgression, and Christ renews Man and Woman again up into the Image of God, that God had Created them in; and so the *Emanuel*, God with us, and so Christ is a Ruler and a Governor in them that have put on the New Man, that he hath renewed in the Image of God, *For in Christ Jesus neither Circumcision availeth any thing, nor Uncircumcision, but a new Creature*, Gal. 6. 16. For the Apostle saith, *As many of you as have been Baptized into Christ, have put on Christ; there is neither* Jew *nor* Greek, *there is neither Bond nor Free, there is neither Male nor Famale, for they are all one in Christ Jesus*, Gal. 3. 27, 28.

So here all are one in Christ, that are Baptized into the Death of Christ, and have put him on, and such know his Rule and Government, the encrease of which there is no end, *&c.*

The Apostle saith to the *Ephesians*, *For we are Gods Workmanship, Created in Christ Jesus unto good Works, which God hath (prepared, or) ordained that we should walk in them, that Christ may dwell in your Hearts by Faith*, &c. Ephes. 3. 17.

So the new Creation in Christ Jesus is Gods Workmanship in his Image, in Righteousness and Holiness, as Man was made in the Beginning, and [illegible] know Christ to be Ruler and Governour in Male and Female, for Christ who is the Brightness of Gods Glory, and the express Image of his Substance, who destroys the Devil and his Work, renews Man and Woman up into the Image of God again, as God made them in the Beginning, and such know him to be a Ruler, and a Governour, and a Councellour, and a Father; and the Work of the Apostle, who warned every Man and taught every Man in all Wisdom, that they might present every Man perfect in Christ Jesus, for in *Adam* in the Fall they were imperfect

perfect, and so to be Members of his Body, and the Mystery which hath been hid from Ages and Generations, which is now made manifest to the Saints, which is Christ in you the hope of Glory, *Col.* 1. 27, 28.

And Christ being in his People the hope of Glory, which Hope purifies them, even as he is pure; And is not Christs Government upon his Shoulders in his People, and a Wonderful Councellor, and a Prince of Peace in them? as in *Isa.* 9. 6.

And doth not the Apostle say, God hath set some in the Church, which is the Body of Christ, to be helps in Government (to wit) in the Image of God, in Righteousness and Holiness, where Christ is Governor and Counsellor, and such have put on Love and Charity which is the Bond of Perfectness, and the Peace of God Rules in their Hearts, by which they are called into one Body, which Christ is the holy Head of, Prince of Peace, Governor and Counsellor, but as there were such in the Dayes of the Apstles that were self-willed, Wells without Water, and carried about with Tempests, that speak great Swelling words of Vanity, promising themselves Liberty, that were presumptuous, and dispised Government: And was not this the holy pure Government of Christ in his Male and Female, his People, his Church which they dispised?

Now they that have come so far as a *Cain* and a *Balaam*, to hear Gods Voice, and *Corah*, *Dathan* and *Abiram* that came out of *Egypt*, and never came so far as to be Baptised into the Death of Christ, and to put him on, nor never came to be Created a new in Christ Jesus, and to put off the old Man of *Adam* in the Fall, and to be renewed up again into the Image of God, in Righteousness and Holiness, that God Almighty made them in; therefore such *Cains*, *Corahs*, and *Balaams* never came to know the Government of Christ in Male and Female; but presumptuously Dispised Government, as *Corah*, *Dathan* and *Abiram* did *Moses*, and as *Balaam*, who went forth with *Balak* to Curse *Israel*, but God Restrained him, and Reproved him for his Errour, who was Destroyed at last, as well as *Corah*, *Dathan* and *Abiram*; so will all they come to naught that Dispise the holy Government of Christ in his Males and Females, and do not you think that *Corah*, *Dathan* and *Abiram*, and *Balaam* could not Speak high swelling Words of

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Vanity, though they were Wells without Water, and Trees without Fruit, and Clouds that are carried about with a Tempests, as in 2 *Pet.* 2. and *Jude* 11, 12, 13. Which such presumptuous ones as these now are known by their Fruits, as it was in the Apostles Dayes, which Dispise the Righteous Government of Christ in his Male and Female, but Christ the Beloved Seed, who bruises the Serpents Head, and in all his Followers, and Destroys the Divil and his Works, he will Raign whose Right it is, in them that are Baptised into his Death, and have put him on, and have put off the old Man in *Adam* in the Fall, and have put on the new Man in the Image of God, which he hath Created in Righteousness and Holiness; in such Christ was and is a Wonderful Counsellor, and a Governor, and a Prince of Peace, the same to Day as he was Yesterday, and so forever, in his Church, throughout all Ages, who Destroys the Devil and his Works, that would hinder him; so he will Raign, Rule and Govern, and is a Counsellor in the Hearts of his People, whose Right it is, Blessed be the Lord forever, Halelujah, the Lord and his Christ Raigns.

God said, *Let us make Man in our Image after our Likeness, and let them have Dominion*, &c. Gen. 1. 26.

Now the Lord saith, *Let us*, and were not all things made and Created by Jesus Christ, whose Name is called the Word of God? And doth not *John* say, *There are three that bear Witness or Record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one*? so there are three that bear witness and Record in Heaven, &c. And there are three that bear Record or Witness in the Earth, the Spirit, the Water and the Blood, and these three agree in one; and is it not the Spirit, of God that Mortifies the Deeds of the Flesh, and the Water of the Word that washes, and the Blood of Christ that cleanseth? are not these three that bear Witness for God in the Earth, for Man or against Man? Are they not Gods Witnesses in the Earth? And the Lord saith, *Out of the Mouth of two or three Witnesses (Namely Men Witnesses) Every Word is Established among Men, but the Witness of God is greater than the Witness of Men, he that hath an Ear, let him Understand these things*, 1 John 5. 7, 8.

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Here you may ſee how every one is to Improve their Talents which Chriſt gives them, if not, it will be taken from them, and they caſt into utter Darkneſs.

CHriſt Jeſus ſaith, *The Kingdom of Heaven is as a Man travelling into a far Country to receive for himſelf a Kingdom, and to Return, who called his own Servants, and Delivered them his Goods, and to one he gave Five Talents, and to another Two, and to another One, and to every one according to his ſeveral Ability, &c.* Mat. 25. Luke 19. 12. *And after a long time the Lord of thoſe Servants comes, and reckoneth with them; and he that had Five Talents, had gained Five more; and he that had two Talents, had gained two more; and the Lord commended theſe Servants, and ſaid, Well done Good and Faithful Servants, Enter into the Joy of your Lord; but he that had received the One Talent, went and Digged in the Earth, and hid his Lords Money; the Lord ſaid, Take it from him, and give it to him that hath Ten, and Caſt the Unprofitable Servants into utter Darkneſs, and there ſhall be Weeping and Gnaſhing of Teeth.*

Now theſe Talents that were given to the Lords Servants, and to every one according to their ſeveral Abilities, was the Lords Heavenly Treaſure, and was not their own, but the Lords, and they were, and are to Improve this Heavenly Treaſure for the Lord, and to put it forth, and to gain with it for the Lord at his appearing to them, when he calls them to an account, that it may be ſaid, *Well done Good and Faithful Servant, enter into the Joy of the Lord*, but the Wicked and Slothful ſervant (he is called a ſervant too) hideth the Lords Talent in his Earthly Napkin, and did not Improve the Lords Heavenly Treaſure; and therefore he was caſt into utter Darkneſs; and therefore all are to conſider, whom the Lord hath given more or leſs of his Heavenly Treaſure to, how you do, and how you have put the Lords Heavenly Treaſure forth, and have Improved it; I ſay the Heavenly Treaſure which you have from the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who Spoke this before he was Crucified, and after he was Riſen did not he go to the Father

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to Receive a Kingdom, who said, *All Power in Heaven and Earth is given to me*, therefore the Lords Money or Treasure of Talents ought to be Improved, and put to the Exchangers, that he may Receive it with Usury and Advantage; so here are Exchangers of the Heavenly Talents or Treasure of the Lord, the increasing of them to Advantage for the Lord, as there is outward Bankers and Exchangers and Usuries, where they do put forth their outward Money for gain and Profit to themselves; but this is a Parable that Christ Speaks concerning Improving of his Heavenly Treasure of Talents, which every one is to Improve or Increase that Heavenly Talent, or Measure which they have Received from the Lord, as good and Faithful Servants, and Stewards, if that they do intend to enter into the Joy of the Lord.

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